

# In His Image

Debasing Humanity: The Sin of Partiality

"But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors" - James 2:9 (ESV)



*"God is not one to show partiality..."*  
*-Acts 10:34 (LSB)*

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA  
May 21<sup>st</sup>, AD 2023

# The LORD'S Day

The Twenty-first Day of May, *in the Year of our Lord 2023*

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Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



## Sunday School—9:30 AM.



The Doctrine of Divine Election has a prevailing impact and pervasive influence upon **every aspect** of what a person believes concerning GOD, MAN, SIN, SALVATION, DIVINE GRACE & JUSTICE, and GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY & acts of PROVIDENCE.

## Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:\* *"Rejoice the Lord is King"* (#52; v. 1)

Invocation.\*

Hymn: *"Blessed be the Name"* (#22).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: *James 2:1-9.*

Prayer, Praises, and Testimony.

Hymn: *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"* (#23).

Announcemnts.

Hymn: *"God Leads us Along"* (#432).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"IN HIS IMAGE: THE SIN OF PARTIALITY."*

Closing Hymn:\* *"God is so Good"* (#433; vv. 1, 2, 4).

Benediction.\*

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*The Congregation will please arise, if able.*



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We are also now on rumble (search TerryReese)



## Week of May 14– May 20

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—15;

Midweek—5; Weekly Offering—\$775.<sup>85</sup>

## Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM

We continue our studies in **Daniel 5**. There are seasons in our lives when it seems like we are "*placed-on-the-shelf*," as was the case with the prophet Daniel during the 23 years of obscurity that followed the death of his royal patron, Nebuchadnezzar. Eventually, however, under the mighty hand and direction of a sovereign God, the day of Daniel's re-emergence came to pass, as once again he is placed front-and-center before the eyes of the Royal Court. When *that* day comes—i.e., when the unsaved call for us and desire to hear to our message—let us resolve to be *ready* like God's man Daniel: unflinching, uncompromising, truthful, Biblically prepared, and on fire with a prophetic boldness. ***Let us dare to be a Daniel***—fearlessly speaking the unvarnished truth, even unto godless worldly-power!

## DANIEL DELIVERS A MESSAGE



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# DEBASING THE IMAGE OF GOD WITHIN HUMANITY:

Some general manifestations of the assault upon  
Human Dignity as seen in today's fallen world

by Pastor Terry L. Reese, Valley GBC of Armagh, 5/21/23

**I.** Nonchalance with regard to the **rule of law** and a **failure to punish the guilty** (Gen. 9:6, Num. 35:30-31), along with a general lack of concern for the **appropriate and proportional punishment** of serious offenders (Deut. 25:2-3, Lev. 24:19-20).

**II. Favoritism, or Partiality:** the lives of some are deemed to be intrinsically more valuable than others, based upon such distinctions as **wealth, social class** or **station, race, ethnicity, national identity**, and **gender** (cf., Lev 19:15, 24:22; Prov 22:2; Ps. 82:3-4; Isa. 1:17; James 2:1-9; 1 Cor. 11:22; Acts 10:34-35; Gal. 3:28).

**III.** The **destruction** and **abuse** of the **weak**, the **powerless**, the **disadvantaged**, the **elderly**, and the **innocent**: e.g., the crimes of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia (Prov. 6:17, 24:11; 2 Kings 24:3-4).

**IV. Oppression, tyranny, and human exploitation** (Ex. 3:7-9, Eccl. 4:1, 1 Sam. 8:10-18), as well as the **violation of human conscience**—particularly with regard to the expression of man's **spiritual life** (Dan. 4 & 6; Matt. 22:21).

**V.** The **blurring** of the **fundamental distinctions** between **men & beasts** (Gen. 1:28, 9:2-3; Lev. 24:21; 1 Cor. 15:39)—as seen with radical ecologists and some animal rights activists—as well as being witnessed within various Darwinian-based ideologies and heathen religious systems.

**VI. General violence** (Gen. 6:11, 13; Ex. 20:13; Ps. 11:5), and the **physical & mental abuse** of **women and children** (Col. 3:19, 21; Eph. 6:4; 1 Pet. 3:7).